UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

WESTPORT INSURANCE CORP.,) Case No. 08-CV-6057
Plaintiff,)
-v-) ANSWER ON BEHALF OF DEFENDANTS ANTONIA
COHEN, ESTIS & ASSOCIATES, LLP;) WARMERS CASTON,
RONALD J. COHEN; ANTONIA WARMERS) DANIEL STURRUP and
CASTON; DANIEL STURRUP and) ALBERT STURRUP
ALBERT STURRUP,)
)
Defendants.)

Defendants, Antonia Warmers Caston, Daniel Sturrup and Albert Sturrup, by their attorneys, Corbally, Gartland and Rappleyea, LLP, as and for their answer to the amended complaint of plaintiff, respectfully show to the Court and allege as follows:

NATURE OF THE ACTION

1. Deny knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraphs "1", "2" and "3" of plaintiff's complaint.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

2. Deny each and every allegation contained in paragraphs "4" and "5" of plaintiff's complaint.

PARTIES

- 3. Deny knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph "6" of plaintiff's complaint.
- 4. Admit the allegations contained in paragraphs "7", "8", "9", "10", and "11" of plaintiff's complaint.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

The Policy

- 5. Deny knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraphs "12" and "13" of plaintiff's complaint.
- 6. Deny each and every allegation contained in paragraph "14" of plaintiff's complaint.

The Underlying Action

- 7. Admit the allegations contained in paragraphs "15", "17", "18", "19", "20", "21", "22", "23", "24" and "25" of plaintiff's complaint, and affirmatively allege that an amended complaint was served in the underlying action.
- 8. Deny each and every allegation contained in paragraph "16" of plaintiff's complaint.
- 9. Deny knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph "26" of plaintiff's complaint.

The Related Bankruptcy Proceedings

- 10. Admit the allegations contained in paragraphs "27, "34", "35", "36" and "37" of plaintiff's complaint.
- Deny knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraphs "28", "29", "30", "31", "32" and "33" of plaintiff's complaint.

COUNT I

12. Repeat, reiterate and reallege each and every denial to each and every allegation contained in paragraphs "1" through "37" of the amended complaint, and incorporated by reference in paragraph "38" of plaintiff's complaint.

13. Deny each and every allegation contained in paragraphs "39", "40", "41", "42", "43", "44", "45" and "46" of plaintiff's complaint.

COUNT II

- 14. Repeat, reiterate and reallege each and every denial to each and every allegation contained in paragraphs "1" through "46" of the amended complaint, and incorporated by reference in paragraph "47" of plaintiff's complaint.
- 15. Deny each and every allegation contained in paragraphs "48", "49", "50", "51", "52" and "53" of plaintiff's complaint.

FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Upon information and belief, plaintiff had a duty to notify the plaintiffs in the underlying action of an alleged reservation of rights, or possibility of coverage denial. No such notice was ever provided and plaintiff is precluded from denying coverage at this time.

WHEREFORE, defendants Antonia Warmers Caston, Daniel Sturrup and Albert Sturrup, demand judgment dismissing the complaint of the plaintiff herein, plus the costs and disbursements of this action, and for such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Dated: Poughkeepsie, New York August 26, 2008

Yours, etc.,

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AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

STATE OF NEW YORK)
)ss
COUNTY OF DUTCHESS)

I, Anne Marie Tytlar, being duly sworn deposes and says: I am not a party to this action, I am over 18 years of age and reside in Fishkill, New York.

On August 26, 2008, I served a true copy of an Answer on Behalf of Defendants Antonia Warmers Caston, Daniel Sturrup and Albert Sturrup by mailing the same in a sealed envelope with postage prepaid thereon, in a post-office or official depository of the U.S. Postal Service within the State of New York, addressed to the last known address of the addressee(s) as indicated below:

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Sworn to before me this 26th day of August, 2008

Notary Public

WILLIAM FRAME Notary Public, State of New York Reg. No. 02FR6129522 Qualified in Dutchess County Commission Expires July 5, 2009